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Fred Frohbose

Ex-Director Of Miami FBI Office

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MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 2—Fred Frohbose, former head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Miami office and a longtime friend of FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, shot himself to death at his home yesterday, police reported today.

Mr. Frohbose's wife told police that her husband was despondent over an illness that hospitalized him. He was on weekend leave from the hospital and was scheduled to return there Monday but was reluctant to go back, the wife said.

She said she was telephoning the hospital when she heard a shot. Police said Mr. Frohbose shot himself in the head with a shotgun.

Mr. Frohbose, 53, retired last year as special agent in charge of the FBI's Miami office after a 29-year FBI career. When announcing his retirement, Mr. Frohbose said he was "going to do some fishing."